

# Stanford ME469: Splitting and Stabilization Errors







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# Splitting and Stabilization Errors: Outline

- Block Matrix and Operator Form
- Approximate Factorization
- Splitting Errors
- Stabilization Errors
- Detailed Code Verification
- Conclusions

# Standard Incompressible Equation Set

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Time Step Count: 8 Current Time: 0.32

dtN: 0.04 dtNm1: 0.04 gammas: 1.5 -2 0.5

Max Courant: 0.22364 Max Reynolds: 1294.89 (realm\_1)

Realm Nonlinear Iteration: 1/1

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NLI	Name	Linear Iter	Linear Res	NLinear Res	Scaled NLR
1/2 1/1	Equation Sy myLowMa	estem Iteration ach			}
	MomentumE	QS 3	2.62985e-06	0.00890841	1
	ContinuityEC	QS 4	1.06209e-06	0.0021837	1
2/2	Equation Sy	stem Iteration			IC
1/1	myLowMa	ach			C
	MomentumE	QS 3	2.28651e-08	4.62336e-05	0.00518989
	ContinuityEC	QS 5	5.2886e-09	5.42362e-05	0.0248369

In our simulation studies, we have been solving this system sequentially and within a nonlinear loop:

For ( non-linear iteration ) {

- 1. Momentum
- 2. Continuity

If (converged) break;

Today, we learn more about the consequence of this strategy

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#### **Exploration of the Pressure Singularity: Ramifications**

#### REVIEW

In order for the zeroth-order momentum equation to be well conditioned in the limit of zero Mach number,  $\frac{\partial \bar{p}_o}{\partial \bar{x}_i}$  must be spatially zero with  $\epsilon = \gamma M a^2$ 

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}_0}{\partial \bar{t}} + \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}_0 \bar{u}_{0,j}}{\partial \bar{x}_j} &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}_0 \bar{u}_{0,i}}{\partial \bar{t}} + \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}_0 \bar{u}_{0,j} \bar{u}_{0,i}}{\partial \bar{x}_j} + \frac{1}{\gamma M a^2} \left( \frac{\partial \bar{p}_0}{\partial \bar{x}_i} + \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}_0 \bar{u}_{0,j} \bar{h}_0}{\partial \bar{x}_i} \right) &= \frac{1}{Re} \frac{\partial \bar{\tau}_{0,ij}}{\partial \bar{x}_j}, \\ \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}_0 \bar{h}_0}{\partial \bar{t}} + \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}_0 \bar{u}_{0,j} \bar{h}_0}{\partial \bar{x}_j} &= -\frac{1}{PrRe} \frac{\partial \bar{q}_{0,j}}{\partial \bar{x}_j} + \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma} \frac{\partial \bar{p}_0}{\partial \bar{t}} \end{split}$$

- $p_0$  is a constant-in-space, possibly variable-in-time thermodynamic pressure
- p<sub>1</sub> is the variable in space pressure, which is also known as the "motion pressure", p<sup>m</sup>
- Recall, this is simply a perturbation about the full thermodynamic pressure:

$$\bar{P} = \bar{p}_0 + \bar{p}_1 \epsilon + \bar{p}_2 \epsilon^2 \dots$$

# Introduction to Block Matrix Form

• Consider the divergence of a vector, **D**F (a scalar)

$$\frac{\partial F_{j}}{\partial x_{j}} = 0 \qquad \begin{cases} \int \frac{\partial F_{j}}{\partial x_{j}} dV = 0 \\ \int w \frac{\partial F_{j}}{\partial x_{j}} d\Omega = 0 \end{cases} \qquad (Gauss-Divergence) \qquad \int F_{j} n_{j} dS = 0 \qquad (piecewise-const w)$$

$$\int w \frac{\partial F_{j}}{\partial x_{j}} d\Omega = 0 \qquad (Integration-by-parts) - \int F_{j} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x_{j}} d\Omega + \int w F_{j} n_{j} d\Gamma = 0$$

• Gradient of a scalar, **G**p (a vector)

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

$$\int \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} dV = 0$$

$$\int w \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} d\Omega = 0$$
(Green-Gauss)
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• Laplace operator, 
$$\mathbf{L}_{\lambda} T$$

$$\frac{\partial q_{j}}{\partial x_{j}} = 0 \qquad \int \frac{\partial q_{j}}{\partial x_{j}} dV = 0 \qquad \text{(Gauss-Divergence)} \qquad -\int \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_{j}} n_{j} dS = 0$$

$$q_{j} = -\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_{j}} \qquad \int w \frac{\partial q_{j}}{\partial x_{j}} d\Omega = 0 \qquad \text{(Integration-by-parts)} \qquad -\int q_{j} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x_{j}} d\Omega + \int w q_{j} n_{j} d\Gamma = 0$$

# Equally Valid Pressure Projection Derivations

Semi-discrete approach (uniform density)

$$\rho \frac{\hat{u}_{i} - u_{i}^{n}}{\Delta t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j}} \left(\rho \hat{u}_{i} u_{j}^{n}\right) = -\frac{\partial p^{n}}{\partial x_{i}} + \frac{\partial \hat{\tau}_{ij}}{\partial x_{j}}$$

$$\rho \frac{u_{i}^{n+1} - \hat{u}_{i}}{\Delta t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i}} \left(p^{n+1} - p^{n}\right)$$

$$\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{i}^{2}} \left(p^{n+1} - p^{n}\right) = \frac{\rho}{\Delta t} \frac{\partial \hat{u}_{i}}{\partial x_{i}}$$

- Chorin (1968)
- Time scale is the time step:

$$u_i^{n+1} = \hat{u}_i - \Delta t \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( p^{n+1} - p^n \right) \right)$$

• Fully discrete approach

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{U}^{n+1} \\ \mathbf{P}^{n+1} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{Bmatrix}$$

Factored matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{D} & -\mathbf{D}\overline{\mathbf{A}}^{-1}\mathbf{G} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \overline{\mathbf{A}}^{-1}\mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\overline{\mathbf{A}}^{-1}$  is an approximation to  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ 

- SIMPLE family of methods
- Time scale is the characteristic scale of :  $\overline{\mathbf{A}}^{-1}$

$$\mathbf{U}^{n+1} = \hat{\mathbf{U}} - \overline{\mathbf{A}}^{-1} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{P}^{n+1}$$

• For convection-dominated flows, this looks like  $\Delta x/U$ 

• Consider the monolithic, uniform density, low-Mach equation system:

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that can be written in block form as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{D} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

• We seek to factorize this system via:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & G \\ D & 0 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ D & B_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & B_2G \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} A & AB_2G \\ D & (B_1 + DB_2G) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 the exact factorization can be recovered by defining: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} B_2 = A^{-1} \\ B_1 = -DB_2G \end{bmatrix}$$

- ullet  $B_2$  determines the projection time scale, ideally chosen to approximate  $A^{-1}$
- ullet  $B_1$  controls the projection error, ideally chosen to cancel  $BD_2G$

#### Introduction to Block Matrix Form

• The approximate factorization

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{D} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & 0 \\ \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{B}_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{B}_2 \mathbf{G} \\ 0 & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}_2 \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{D} & (\mathbf{B}_1 + \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B}_2 \mathbf{G}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

• can be written now as two segregated steps:

Momentum and Continuity: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & 0 \\ \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{B_1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{p} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}\hat{u} = \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{D}\hat{u} + \mathbf{B_1}\hat{p} = 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

• This approach seems to be straight forward, however, what errors have we introduced by this procedure of splitting the monolithic (fully coupled) system?

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{D} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}_2)\mathbf{G}p^{n+1} \\ -(\mathbf{B}_1 + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{B}_2\mathbf{G})p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Exact iff: } \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{B}_2 = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \\ \mathbf{B}_1 = -\mathbf{D}\mathbf{B}_2\mathbf{G} \end{array}$$

• In most cases,  $B_2$  is approximately  $A^{-1}$  and a first-order temporal splitting error is noted

• We have the choice of where the DOFs are solved... Our choice?

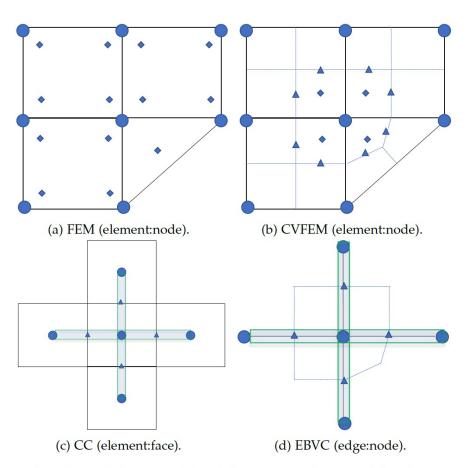
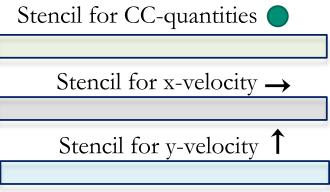


Figure 6: Patches of elements that define center degree-of-freedom stencil.

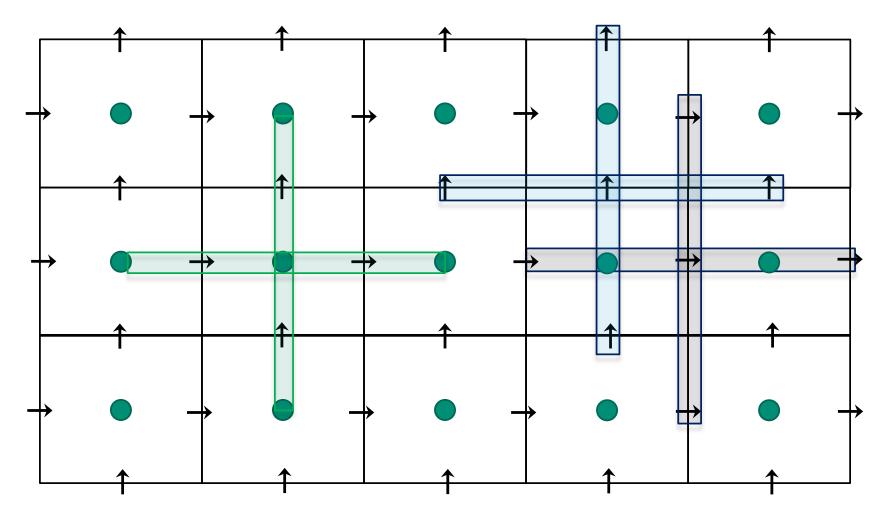
- Here, all variables are solved at the same location (nodes/vertices or cell-centers)
- Underlying basis for each DOF is the same, i.e., "equal-order" interpolation
- We already have noted the gradient operator in 1-D that might pose some problems...

$$\boldsymbol{G}_{x}p = \frac{(p_{j+1} - p_{j-1})A_{x}}{2}$$

$$G_x p = M^{-1} \frac{(p_{j+1} - p_{j-1})A_x}{2}$$



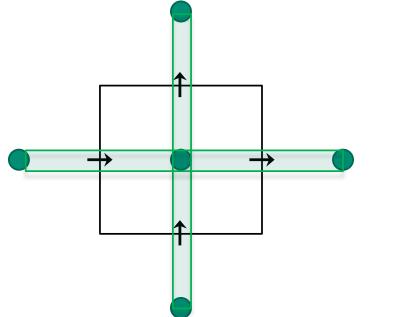
• Velocity degree-of-freedom is staggered relative to pressure and other primitives, e.g., enthalpy, mixture fraction, etc.

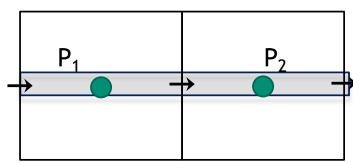


Staggered.....

Stencil for x-velocity →

• Operators are now very compact and local...





$$G_{x}p = M^{-1}(p_2 - p_1)A_{x}$$

# Incremental Pressure-Projection without Pressure Stabilization



- Let the inverse of A, A<sup>-1</sup> be approximated by  $B_2$  as a scalar,  $\tau$
- Let  ${f B}_1$  be equal to the scaled Laplace operator,  ${f au}{f L}$

Momentum and Continuity: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{D} & -\tau \mathbf{L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{f} \\ -\tau \mathbf{L} p^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}\hat{u} = \hat{f} = \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{G}p^n \\ \mathbf{D}\hat{u} - \tau \mathbf{L}(p^{n+1} - p^n) = 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Nodal Projection: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{I} & \tau \boldsymbol{G} \\ 0 & \boldsymbol{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{p} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \tau \boldsymbol{G} p^n \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{cases} u^{n+1} = \hat{u} - \tau G(p^{n+1} - p^n) \\ p^{n+1} = \hat{p} \end{cases}$$

• The new splitting and stabilization error is given by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{D} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}\tau)\mathbf{G}(p^{n+1} - p^n) \\ \tau(\mathbf{L} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{G})(p^{n+1} - p^n) \end{bmatrix}$$
• Dwyer (1990)
• Almgren (2000)

### Examples:

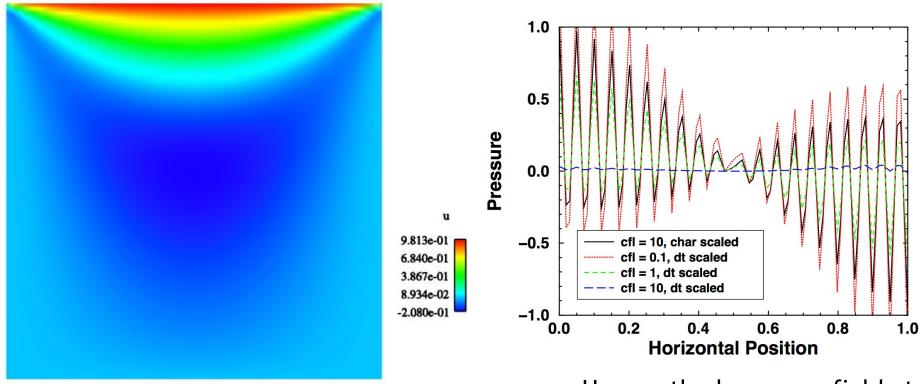
- The above can be shown to demonstrate second-order temporal error (coming)
- A scheme can be designed such that L = DG (staggered)
- A scheme in which  $\mathbf{L} := \mathbf{DG}$  (collocated or equal-order) can show that  $\mathbf{L}\text{-}\mathbf{DG} \sim 4^{\text{th}}$ -order pressure stabilization, however, in this case acting on p<sup>n+1</sup>-p<sup>n</sup>

# The Role of Pressure Stabilization (L!=DG) in an Equal-Order Approach



• Consider the classic lid-driven cavity flow with top wall velocity of Uo

Uo



lid-driven cavity velocity (u-component)

Unsmoothed pressure field at various Courant numbers

Equal-Order: same basis and interpolation operators for continuity and momentum Also known as: "collocated"

# Incremental Approximate Pressure-Projection with Pressure Stabilization Errors



- Let the inverse of A, A<sup>-1</sup> be approximated by  $B_2$  as a scalar,  $\tau$  (which is  $\sim$  time scale)
- ullet Let  ${f B_1}$  be equal to the scaled Laplace operator,  ${f au L}$

Momentum and Continuity: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & 0 \\ \mathbf{D} & -\tau \mathbf{L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{f} \\ -\mathbf{D}\tau \mathbf{G}p^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}\hat{u} = \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{G}p^n \\ \mathbf{D}\hat{u} = \tau(\mathbf{L}p^{n+1} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{G}p^n) \end{bmatrix}$$

Nodal Projection: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{I} & \tau \boldsymbol{G} \\ 0 & \boldsymbol{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{p} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \tau \boldsymbol{G} p^n \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underbrace{ \begin{array}{c} u^{n+1} = \hat{u} - \tau G(p^{n+1} - p^n) \\ p^{n+1} = \hat{p} \end{array} }$$

• The new splitting and stabilization error is given by:

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• Rhie-Chow (1983)
• Peric (1985)

### Examples:

- Domino (2006)
- The above can be shown to hold a second-order temporal error (coming)
- Here, due to equal-order interpolation, i.e., collocation of primitives,  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{DG}$
- Therefore, **L-DG** ~ 4<sup>th</sup>-order pressure stabilization (pressure oscillations damped)
- However, pressure-stabilization error remains

# Non-Incremental Pressure-Projection: "Pressure-Free" with or without Pressure Stabilization



- $^{ullet}$  Let the inverse of  $A,\,A^{-1}$  be approximated by  $B_2$  as a scalar, au
- ullet Let  ${f B_1}$  be equal to the scaled Laplace operator,  ${f au L}$

Momentum and Continuity: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & 0 \\ \mathbf{D} & -\tau \mathbf{L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{A}\hat{u} = \mathbf{f}$$
$$\mathbf{D}\hat{u} - \tau \mathbf{L}(p^{n+1}) = 0$$

• The new splitting and stabilization error is given by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{D} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} (I - \mathbf{A}\tau)\mathbf{G}(p^{n+1}) \\ \tau(\mathbf{L} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{G})(p^{n+1}) \end{bmatrix}$$

### Examples:

- Kim and Moin (1985)
- A fully-implicit scheme can be shown to demonstrate first-order temporal error (coming)
- A scheme can be designed such that  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{DG}$  (staggered) to remove stabilization error
- A scheme in which  $\mathbf{L} := \mathbf{DG}$  (collocated or equal-order) can show that  $\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{DG} \sim 4^{\text{th}}$ -order pressure stabilization (however, in this case acting on  $p^{n+1}$ - $p^n$

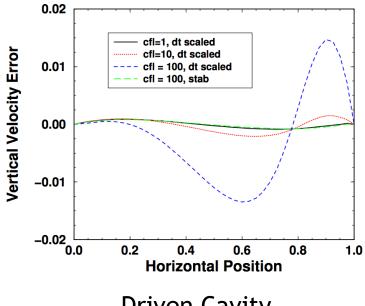


• Recall that the equal-order pressure stabilization error is given by,

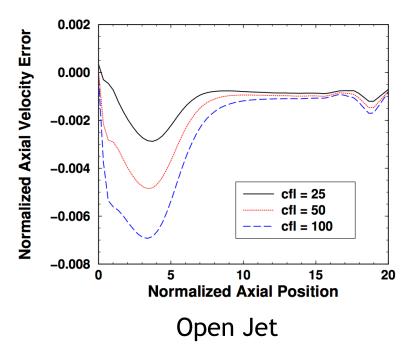
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Stabilizing effect

- Practical examples of error as a function of:
  - $\tau \propto \Delta t$  (the simulation timestep)
  - $\tau^{C} \propto (u/\Delta x)^{-1}$  (characteristic advection time scale)
  - $\tau^{C}(L DG)p^{n+1} + \Delta t L(p^{n+1} p^{n})$  (Soto and Lohner, "stabilized")







## Monolithic Staggered or Equal-order Interpolation (Collocated)

• Note that we need not split the system for a staggered scheme:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{D} & -\tau \mathbf{L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ -\tau \mathbf{L} p^n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{D} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \tau(\mathbf{L} - \mathbf{DG})(p^{n+1} - p^n) \end{bmatrix}$$

• or collocated:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{D} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{D} & -\tau \mathbf{L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ -\tau \mathbf{D} \mathbf{G} p^n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{D} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \tau(\mathbf{L} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{G})p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

• Conclusion: Monolithic schemes control splitting error, however, dealing with pressure stabilization is an additional complexity for equal-order methods regardless of the chosen approach to solve the coupled system

# The Choice of the B<sub>1</sub> can Vary by The Method..

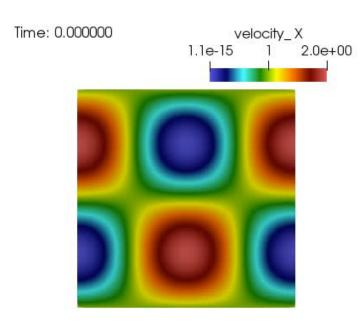
• In Pressure-Stabilized Petrov-Galerkin (PSPG) methods (Hughes et al, 1985):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{D} & -\mathbf{\tau}_{PSPG}\mathbf{G}\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{M} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Here, **M** is a fine scale momentum residual and q is the test function for the Finite Element Method (continuity equation)
- Note that **M** contains a local pressure gradient which, thereby, provides the pressure stabilization
- The fine-scale momentum residual is evaluated locally at the quadrature point and with mesh refinement reduces at a design-order rate
- With some algebra, one can show that  $\mathbf{L}$ - $\mathbf{D}$  $\mathbf{G} \sim \mathbf{M}$
- For more references, see Majumdar, Numerical Heat Transfer, 1988; Tezduyar and Sathe, J. Comput. Appl. Mech., 2003
- Here, τ can be:
  - Simulation time step, i.e.,  $\Delta t$
  - Local advection/diffusion time scale,  $\left(\frac{u}{\Delta x} + \frac{v}{\Delta x^2}\right)^{-1}$  or a more accurate flow-aligned approach
  - Full inverse of A (Ozawa)

# Code Verification To Establish Accuracy

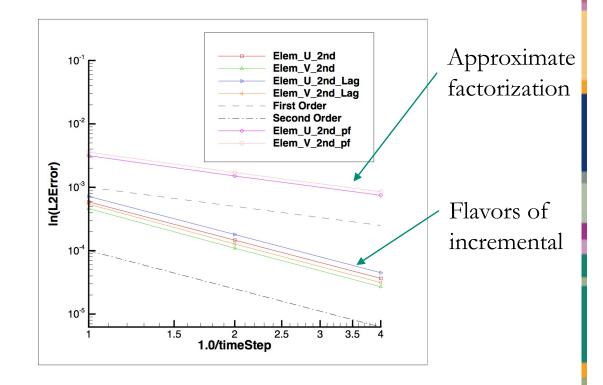
- Consider a two-dimensional transient solution to the incompressible equations of motion:
- This solution is known as the convecting, decaying, Taylor vortex



$$u = u^o - \cos(\pi(x - u^o t)) \sin(\pi(y - v^o t)) e^{-2\omega t}$$

$$v = v^o + \sin(\pi(x - u^o t)) \cos(\pi(y - v^o t)) e^{-2\omega t}$$

$$p = -\frac{p^o}{4} \left[ (\cos(2\pi(x - u^o t)) + \cos(\pi(y - v^o t))) \right] e^{-4\omega t}$$



## Splitting and Stabilization Errors: Conclusion



- Block matrix and operator form represents a useful construct to analyze coupling and stabilization
- Approximate Factorization is generally  $O(\Delta t)$
- With very simple modifications, splitting error is mitigated
- Detailed code verification is a critical tool to both test theoretical understandings in addition to establishing a proper code implementation



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$$\frac{\partial \rho u_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u_j u_i}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_i} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + S_i$$

that can be written in block form as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{D} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

• We seek to factorize this system via:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & G \\ D & 0 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ D & B_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & B_2G \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} A & AB_2G \\ D & (B_1 + DB_2G) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 the exact factorization can be recovered by defining: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} B_2 = A^{-1} \\ B_1 = -DB_2G \end{bmatrix}$$

- ullet  $B_2$  determines the projection time scale, ideally chosen to approximate  $A^{-1}$
- $B_1$  controls the projection error, ideally chosen to cancel  $BD_2G$

Fully Coupled, or Monolithic

• One equation system, one solve

For a given time step:

do while (!converged) {

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} C & \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{u}_{x}} C & \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{u}_{y}} C & \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{z}} C \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \tilde{U}_{x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{u}_{x}} \tilde{U}_{x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{u}_{y}} \tilde{U}_{x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{z}} \tilde{U}_{x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \tilde{U}_{y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{u}_{x}} \tilde{U}_{y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{u}_{y}} \tilde{U}_{y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{z}} \tilde{U}_{y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \tilde{Z} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{u}_{x}} \tilde{Z} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{u}_{y}} \tilde{Z} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{z}} \tilde{Z} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta p \\ \Delta \tilde{u}_{x} \\ \Delta \tilde{u}_{y} \\ \Delta \tilde{z} \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} resC \\ res\tilde{U}_{x} \\ res\tilde{U}_{y} \\ res\tilde{Z} \end{bmatrix}$$

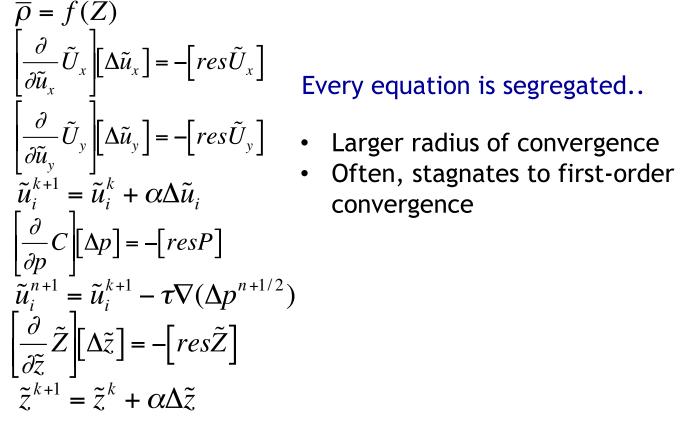
- Reduced radius of convergence
- Second order convergence

# Coupling Definitions: Segregated

### Loosely Coupled, or Segregated

• Multiple matrix systems solved within a Picard linearization, i.e., Jacobi or Gauss-Seidel iteration. Coupling is two-way (or multiple way if the physics becomes really complex)

# For a given time step:



do while (!converged) {

# Incremental Approximate Pressure-Projection with Pressure Stabilization Errors



- Let the inverse of A, A<sup>-1</sup> be approximated by  $B_2$  as a scalar,  $\tau$  (which is  $\sim$  time scale)
- ullet Let  ${f B_1}$  be equal to the scaled Laplace operator,  ${f au L}$

Momentum and Continuity: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & 0 \\ \mathbf{D} & -\tau \mathbf{L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{f} \\ -\mathbf{D}\tau \mathbf{G}p^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}\hat{u} = \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{G}p^n \\ \mathbf{D}\hat{u} = \tau(\mathbf{L}p^{n+1} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{G}p^n) \end{bmatrix}$$

Nodal Projection: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{I} & \tau \boldsymbol{G} \\ 0 & \boldsymbol{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{p} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \tau \boldsymbol{G} p^n \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{cases} u^{n+1} = \hat{u} - \tau G(p^{n+1} - p^n) \\ p^{n+1} = \hat{p} \end{cases}$$

• The new splitting and stabilization error is given by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{D} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}\tau)\mathbf{G}(p^{n+1} - p^n) \\ \tau(\mathbf{L} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{G})p^{n+1} \end{bmatrix}$$
• Rhie-Chow (1983)
• Peric (1985)

### Examples:

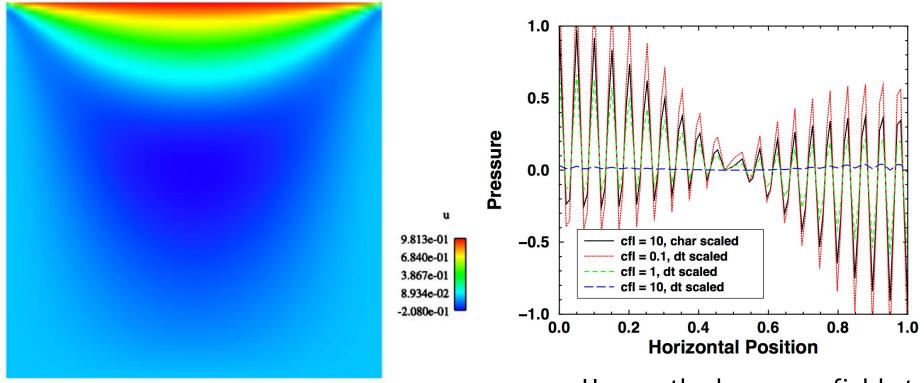
- Domino (2006)
- The above can be shown to hold a second-order temporal error (coming)
- Here, due to equal-order interpolation, i.e., collocation of primitives,  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{DG}$
- Therefore, **L-DG** ~ 4<sup>th</sup>-order pressure stabilization (pressure oscillations damped)
- However, pressure-stabilization error remains

# The Role of Pressure Stabilization (L!=DG) in an Equal-Order Approach



• Consider the classic lid-driven cavity flow with top wall velocity of Uo

Uo

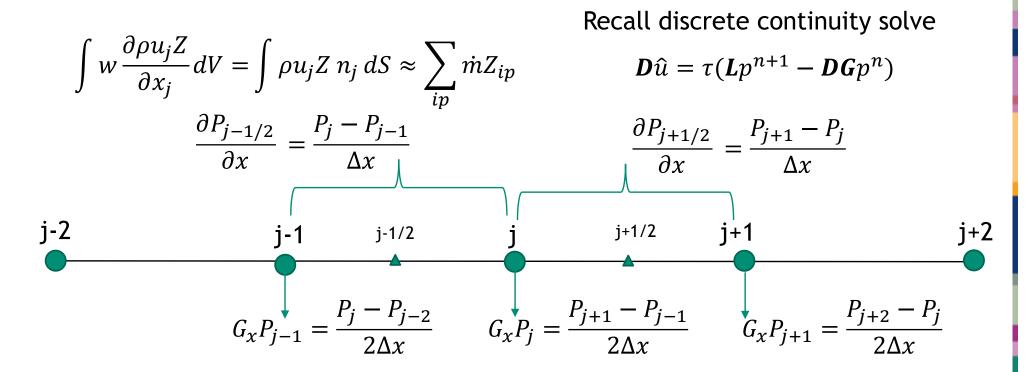


lid-driven cavity velocity (u-component)

Unsmoothed pressure field at various Courant numbers

Equal-Order: same basis and interpolation operators for continuity and momentum Also known as: "collocated"

• For an equal-order, low-Mach approximate projection scheme, explicit pressure stabilization was added. How does this manifest itself in the advection operator?



• Using the above equations, we can derive the actual continuity equation that we are solving:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u_j}{\partial x_j} \neq 0 \propto \tau \frac{\partial^4 P}{\partial x_i^4} \Delta x_j^3$$

• Let's define an assembled system for velocity component as:

$$\mathbf{T}u_i + \mathbf{V}u_i - \mathbf{D}u_i - \mathbf{S} = -\mathbf{G}p_i$$

Where **T**, **V**, **D**, **S**, and **G** are the time, advection, diffusion, source and gradient operators (matrix form)

• We can do the same for a local integration point fine-scale momentum equation:

$$Tu_i + Vu_i - Du_i - S = -dp/dx_i | ip$$

Algebraically, we can reconstruct the fine scale residual to be an interpolation of the nodal-assembled momentum equation that we solved:

• 
$$(dp/dx_i - \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{G}p_i|ip) = \text{Res}\underline{u}_i$$

.... And uses this scaled residual as a correction to the interpolated velocity

• The finite volume community calls this "Rhie-Chow", or "Momentum interpolation", while the finite element community terms this "residual-based stabilization"